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OATH OF OFFICE -- Judi Myers is officially sworn in as Broken Arrow's City Council representative from Ward Four at the Sept. 18 meeting. Municipal Court Judge Steve Edgar led her in the oath of office.

Nov. 4 HOA Workshop Will Offer Answers

Do I need a permit to build a deck in my backyard?

What's the process to get traffic control measures on our street?

Questions such as these come up all the time in Broken Arrow. With that in mind, the City began holding an annual Homeowners Association Workshop each year, giving citizens an opportunity to sit down with representatives from various departments who can answer their questions. The workshop this year will be held Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Youth/Community Center at Nienhuis Park (3201 N. 9th Street). Light refreshments will be available.

After opening remarks from City officials, there will be break-outs to tables staffed by employees from departments including Development Services (Planning, Inspections and the One-Stop Center), Streets, Utilities, Police, Fire, and Engineering. There will also be private attorneys present who can answer some of the questions on creating and/or organizing homeowners associations.

Once the break-out session begins, participants can move from table to table if they wish. Plenty of parking will be available in the lot on the northeast side of the building.

Ward 4 'Let's Talk, BA' Set for Oct. 24

The fourth in the "Let's Talk, BA" series has been scheduled for Oct. 24 at Indian Springs Baptist Church, starting at 7 p.m.

The forum is open to the public, but will highlight Ward Four and new City Council representative Judi Myers. Updates will be provided on projects in Ward Four.

City Staff members will be available to answer questions from the audience. The Tuesday night program will end at 8:30.

From A Trickle To A Torrent

By Mayor Richard Carter

The above words could describe the increased flow from the City Water Plant since 1967, when the facility was constructed. Back then, average daily usage in Broken Arrow was less than 4% of what it is now, and 750,000 gallons was considered a big day. In contrast, our system pumped an average of over 19 million gallons a day in August, with a peak this summer of 25 million gallons.

Veteran plant operators Phil Chisenberry and Jimmy Helms took us through the facility. Phil started work when the water plant was built, and for some time was the only operator, even living at the site in a house owned by the City. Jimmy, with 24 years at the water plant, is "out-senior" by Mike Brown, who has 27 years. George Nuss and James Fraley, with 15 years each, Andy Williams (7 years), and newcomer David Hogate (8 months) round out the experienced, dedicated crew of seven who staff the plant 24/7, 365 days a year. Turnover is just not an issue here...these guys must love their work!

Today, water used by Broken Arrow comes from Grand Lake by way of the Oklahoma Ordinance Works Authority (OOWA) through a pipeline from the Pryor area, and is filtered and treated before being sent to us. The water is tested at our plant, chlorine added if necessary, then pumped on through our system using three 600 horsepower pumps. OOWA can supply 27 million gallons per day, well above our average or even peak use.

Broken Arrow has the ability to treat and pump an additional 10 million gallons per day ourselves, using the nearby Verdigris River as a source. The settling basins, filters, and chlorinating equipment stand ready for use when needed — we'll treat our own water only if demand exceeds the OOWA supply, or if that supply is interrupted.

Our drinking water's safety is assured by frequent testing it as it goes through the plant. In addition, each week 30 samples are collected from taps all over the city. Those are tested for chlorine level, bacteria, and other unwanted contents, both in our lab and by an outside certified lab in Tulsa.

A recent Long Range Water Study Committee analyzed the predicted needs of Broken Arrow, and recommended that a new plant be built (at this site) by 2013. The new facility will be able to treat 30 million gallons per day, and will supplement up to 20 million gallons from OOWA. That, plus the recently built 48-inch water line from the plant into the city assure that our citizens can "turn the tap" for good water for many years to come.

THE WATERED DOWN VERSION -- Mayor Richard Carter (center) takes notes as he learns about the City's Water Plant from Phil Chisenberry (left) and Jimmy Helms.



BAPD, Main Street Merchants Gang Up on Crime

'Fun and Games on Main' Oct. 28

The Main Street Merchants and Broken Arrow Police Department will team up once again Saturday, Oct. 28, for "Night Out Against Crime with Fun and Games on Main."

Halloween may not be until Tuesday (Oct.



NEW YOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS --

Listening and learning during a mini-tour of City Hall are new

Youth City Council members (front, from left) Kristin Nichols, Ashley McCormick, Hope Whitson and Sarah Seing; and (back, from left) Eric White, Kyle Trice, Caleb Green and Sara Mahan. Seing was elected Mayor and White Vice-Mayor by the group. (Not pictured Lyubomira Popov)

31), but children throughout the community can get an early start on and along Main on the 28th.

The Fun and Games on Main begins at 6 p.m. (until 8 p.m.), but fun for the little ones starts in Central Park promptly at 4:30 with the City's first Annual Pumpkin Hunt, hosted by the Parks & Recreation Department. There will be 2,000 orange (pumpkin) plastic eggs hidden in the park, with special prizes in three of the eggs for each age group (1-3 years, with parent assistance), 4-5 years and 6-7.

Following the hunt, Main Street Merchants will have downtown filled with games, goodies and special attractions, including a petting zoo.

For the third straight year the BAPD will present their "Night Out Against Crime" inside Central on Main (old Central Middle School). Included will be safety information booths representing several area non-profit agencies, and representatives from the BAPD Special Operations Team, bike patrol, K-9 unit, animal control, crime scene investigation and more. There will also be 2,000 cups of free soft drinks (courtesy Ferguson Pontiac), 1,000 free ice cream sandwiches (Blue Bell Creameries) and 2,000 free hot dogs (Reasor's on Kenosha).

Battle Creek Golf Course Banquet Facility Opens

Management of the City's Battle Creek Golf Course has officially been turned over to Greenway Golf Management. Executives of the company, including the management team for Battle Creek, were introduced at a ribbon cutting ceremony in September at the banquet facility on the north side of the clubhouse.



FAREWELL, HELLO -- Former City Council Woman Melissa Mahan cuts the ribbon to officially open the new banquet facility at Battle Creek Golf Course. Minutes later Mahan was recognized in a special program honoring her years on the City Council before resigning in late August -- and her years on the BA Golf Authority.

The program also featured a farewell to former City Council Woman Melissa Mahan, who resigned her position in late August due to conflicts with classes for her Doctorate.

For information on the banquet room or the golf course, call Battle Creek at 355-4850.



REMEMBERING 9-11 -- Drew Field rings the Broken Arrow Fire Department bell and other members of the department join in a ceremony at Central Fire Station held in commemoration of the attacks on the World Trade Center. Firefighters later read the names of their comrades who were killed in the tragedy.

Community Calendar

Oct. 28 -- 1st Annual Pumpkin Hunt, starts promptly at 4:30 p.m. in Central Park (1500 S. Main). There will be 2000 orange (pumpkin) eggs hidden throughout the park, with some special prizes hidden in three of the eggs for each age group: 1-3 years (with parent assistance); 4-5 years and 6-7. Sponsored by the City's Parks & Recreation, with no charge for participants. Kids are encouraged to come in costume.

Oct. 28 -- "Night Out Against Crime with Fun and Games on Main." From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., sponsored by Main Street Merchants Association and the Broken Arrow Police Department (see details on first page of Focus).

Oct. 28 -- Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA), Alpha Rho chapter, presents its 34th annual Arts & Crafts benefit show, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Clarence Oliver Middle School (New Orleans, between Aspen and Olive). Benefits organizations such as BA Neighbors, Arts & Humanities Council, Margaret Hudson Program, Meals on Wheels, A New Leaf and more. Free admission. Hot concessions available. Raffle items, used books sale and "lots of beautiful, handmade crafts."

Oct. 28-29 -- The Metropolitan Environmental Trust will hold its semi-annual Household Pollutant Collection Event, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Tulsa Fairgrounds, Gate 7. Free to area residents. Acceptable waste includes pesticides, chemicals, flammable liquids, mercury thermometers, solvents, all types of batteries and antifreeze, oil, hobby paints, aerosol paint and ammunition. Not accepted are tires, latex paint and commercially-generated waste.

Nov. 4 -- United Methodist Women's 13th Annual Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Activity Center, 112 E. College. Proceeds benefit missions.

Nov. 9 -- Annual Main Street Merchants "Holiday Tea Off." Starts at 6 p.m. at participating businesses. Lots of free food and drinks, rides, etc.

Nov. 10 -- Chamber of Commerce "Buy Broken Arrow" program starts at participating businesses. Cash prizes of \$10,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000.

Nov. 16 -- Chamber of Commerce Annual Auction, "Wild West Auction." Starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 41st just west of Garnett. There will be BBQ, cowpokes, silent and live auctions and a casino. For tickets call the Chamber at 251-1518.

Nov. 18 -- Centennial Middle School's 4th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Breakfast and lunch items will be for sale in the concessions area. For vendor or booth information call Cindy McKnight at 527-6029.

Nov. 21 -- Community Thanksgiving Service, 6:30 p.m., hosted by Arrow Heights Baptist Church and sponsored by the Broken Arrow Ministerial Alliance. Special music, congregational participation and prayer. All Broken Arrow churches invited.